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Certain politicians of the United States are never weary of devising means by which to coerce Canada into legislative union. The latest attempt in this direction is a resolution presented in the American Senate by Mr. Gillingham providing that the tariff now under consideration shall only become operative so far as it shall concern Canada upon proclamation by the President of the United States. This proclamation is to be issued under conditions which are prescribed. When it is duly certified to the President that the Government of Canada has declared a desire to enter into such commercial arrangements with the United States as will result in a material reduction of the duties now existing against the admission into Canada of the products and manufactures of the United States, he is required to appoint three commissioners to meet those who may be designated to represent the Canadian Government, to consider the most desirable manner in which to accomplish a larger exchange of the products and manufactures of the two countries. If the result of the deliberations of the joint commission shall be an agreement and a report satisfactory to the Secretary of the Treasury, that by a material reduction of the duties, or by the putting upon the free list of the Canadian tariff a list of manufactures and products of the United States which, in his opinion, will afford an equal advantage to the United States as the operation of the Wilson Bill will afford to Canada, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall report to the President, the President on being notified by the Canadian Government that these recommendations will be presented to the Parliament of Canada for enactment, shall then issue his proclamation making this act operative as regards Canada, immediately upon the enactment of the recommendations of the joint commission. It is also made the further duty of the commissioners representing the United States to ascertain upon what terms entire freedom of commercial intercourse between the United States and the Dominion of Canada can be secured.

There is not, of course, the remotest chance of this amendment being adopted, but its introduction serves to show Canadians that a fixed determination to bring about a commercial union of the two countries is the underlying motive of the action of more than one American politician.

Hon. Henry Chaplin, formerly President of the Board of Agriculture in Great Britain, has always been opposed to the importation of foreign cattle, and always a prejudiced authority upon the subject. He believes that the British stock raiser should be protected, and it is as a protectionist in this respect that he speaks. It was through his efforts that American cattle were scheduled, which was a precaution against the introduction of disease, with which no fault could be found. None of the herds in the south western and western states are free from disease, and in former years, when these cattle were driven hundreds of miles to market they spread disease in all directions. The British authorities were right in excluding American cattle, but the same objection was not found to Canadian cattle, and for years they were admitted to Great Britain on the hoof, while the American cattle were slaughtered at the point of entry. But Mr. Chaplin was always opposed to the importation of Canadian cattle, and even after it had been shown that they were free from disease he and those who shared his views did not abandon their hostile attitude. There are many in Great Britain who are opposed to the importation of cheap meat to be consumed in a country in which the high price of the meat, home-bred and sold, and destroys their profits.

According to Sir Charles Dilke, the advocate of Lord Rosebery as a Liberal Prime Minister, quite equal to it they do not surpass his disadvantages. In London his personal popularity greatly exceeds Mr. Gladstone's, for discreditable though it be to the metropolitan, it is a fact that there is

little premier is distinctly unpopular. Nor is Lord Rosebery's popularity confined to his party, it embraces the good will of the multitude. In Scotland, again, Lord Rosebery has a popularity far beyond anything on which Sir William Harcourt could count. Nor do Lord Rosebery's advantages end at this point. Premier though he be, he has the support of the Independent Labor party to a much greater degree than Sir William Harcourt, and on the trade union side and on the working classes generally he has a stronger hold than the Commons leader. What electoral strength he can thus claim is moreover, increased by his alliance with Mr. A. J. A. Smith, a personality of decided force and a recognized power in the trade union movement. Other young ministers belonging to the same school may be regarded as battling on Lord Rosebery's side.

The serious aspect of the present export of gold from the United States has already been presented. The dullness of business in the country forbids the employment of foreign capital there, and the movement that is taken place is its consequence. The prevailing conditions, however, are such as may produce awkward complications. Nearly all the gold taken out of the United States this spring, some \$22,000,000 for April and the first half of May, has been drawn from the Treasury. The surplus has now been carried down to less than \$89,000,000, which means during the past two months a loss of over \$22,000,000. In the two weeks of May just passed over, \$8,900,000 have been withdrawn and all these figures far exceed the exports for the corresponding period last year when the movement created a panic. In February last the Treasury issued bonds when the gold fund was down to \$65,000,000, and if another issue must be decided upon this year, it will simply be bad for the Treasury and well for the banks.

The little fishery protection boat Patrol, which seized two American boats the other day, is regarded with wholesome awe in the Navy Department at Washington. In the good old days of McKim they were going to build a fleet of cruisers on the Great Lakes to maintain the dignity of the United States beside the Canadian levantine. This, a fact, was the view that prevailed in Washington at the time, but our neighbors have since learned that the little Canadian boat is not much larger than the brave and friendly bird she has been named after.

Depth the detection of the Parnell and the detection of some of the R. R. lines, the Rosebery Government came out of the Budget of 1894 with a majority of fourteen. This is slim, but which is lost it is good for the purpose of sustaining the Government as it is a fact. But they must have been anxious moments that were spent while the rival factions were being counted. The difference between a crowd of 305 and a crowd of 294 is too small for the eye to catch.

Railway Kipling says of Canada that it has a face, hard, tough, bracing climate, that puts iron and grit into men's bones, and that if things don't move so fast as in the States they are still there. The latter part of the qualification is peculiarly appropriate just now when things in the States have been moving very fast the wrong way, and the first part will not displease anyone in Canada. Hard climates make hardy men.

President Carnot of France will not be a candidate for re-election, preferring to set an example by avoiding undignified intrigues for the renewal of his power. Mr. Carnot has been a fairly successful head of the Republic and his present attitude is not an insignificant proof of his worth. A man who will not dishonor himself to secure a great office is the man who should fill it well.

The American flag and liberally flying off Pelje Island in Canadian waters should be punished. One of them if of a type of the Canadian official who is off and on in a should be made an example of.

Mining in Canada is a well known fact. Canada has a large number of mines, but the mining industry is not as well known as it is in the United States. The mining industry in Canada is a well known fact, but the mining industry is not as well known as it is in the United States. The mining industry in Canada is a well known fact, but the mining industry is not as well known as it is in the United States.

A New York committee, appointed to gather evidence to show that the fall is a dangerous sport, makes report that it is not. It is to be hoped that his will not tend to make a bad day any more.

The Government of Cape Colony is, for all going, a somewhat representative to the international trade conference at Cape Town. It is the proper capital of the Cape Colony.



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